



## James A. Hazlett

April 7, 1944 - August 23, 2021

James A. Hazlett, 77, of Jeannette, passed away Monday, August 23, 2021. He was born April 7, 1944 in McCullough, a son of the late James A. and Mary (Vargo) Hazlett Minyon. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his brother Kenneth Hazlett and his step father Patsy Minyon. James was a graduate of Clarion University with a Bachelor of Education degree where he was a standout pitcher on the baseball team. He was an English teacher for Jeannette School District and also coached the high school boys baseball and girls softball teams. James was an avid golfer and a member at Mannitto Golf Club. He also enjoyed spending time by his pool, riding his dirt bike, and was a faithful Denver Bronco's fan. He is survived by his loving wife Deborah L. (Smith) Hazlett, his children Tiffany (Matthew) Elliott of Latrobe, Susan (Daniel) Patterson of Oakdale, Christine Baehr of Sewickley, and Scott (Carrie) McPhail of Twinsburg, OH; his grandchildren Harlow Elliott, Claire and Steve Patterson, Carly (Zach) Nelson, Reece Carwithen and Reece's mother Lisa Carwithen; great grandchildren Issac and Nolan Nelson; mother in-law Janice Smith of Jeannette, several brother and sister in-laws: Marilyn Hazlett, Janet (Bruce) Bold, Randy Smith, Rick (Yvonne) Smith, and Crystal Cruz, also numerous nieces and nephews. Close friends will be received 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday at the William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc., 521 Main Street, Irwin, 724-863-1200. A funeral ceremony will be held 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home. Interment will follow in St. Clair Cemetery. The family requests those visiting the funeral home to wear a face covering. For online condolences please visit [www.snyderfuneralservices.com](http://www.snyderfuneralservices.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Clair Cemetery

944 St. Clair Way  
Greensburg, PA 15601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 26.** 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.  
521 Main Street  
Irwin, PA 15642  
(724) 863-1200  
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Ceremony

**AUG 27.** 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James A. Hazlett*

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *James A. Hazlett*

August 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM

VS

“ *Mr. Hazlett was the teacher that cared about his students and was by far the best teacher in my 12 years in the Jeannette school system. A friend and I started nearly every morning in the cafeteria sitting and chatting with him. He always laughed at our jokes. He was a standup guy. Always encouraging.*

**Vincent Schmitt** - September 08, 2021 at 06:01 PM

PM

“ *Patricia Miller lit a candle in memory of James A. Hazlett*



**Patricia Miller** - August 28, 2021 at 01:19 PM

PM

*So very sorry for your loss of your husband, you have our sympathy and your in our thoughts and prayers. Wonderful neighbors!*

**Patricia Miller** - August 28, 2021 at 01:22 PM

PM

*So very sorry for your loss of your husband, your in our thoughts and prayers and you have our sympathy.*

**Patricia Miller** - August 28, 2021 at 01:26 PM

A)

“ *My deepest sympathy for the family of Mr. Hazlett. He was one of my favorite teachers. You could tell that he loved his job and he cared about his students. Like many others, I am grateful that I was one of his students and I will always remember him. Rest in peace, Mr. Hazlett.*

**April Pundzak (Doratio )** - August 26, 2021 at 03:50 PM

DH

“ I will always remember what an energetic and great teacher he was. Richard III was his best teaching - he made the play come alive! Am so sorry to hear of his passing. I will keep him and his family in my prayers.



Donna Hubis - August 26, 2021 at 02:53 PM

MM

“ Mr. Hazlett was my favorite teacher in high school. Have very fond memories of him.

Marsha Hess Morozowich



Marsha Morozowich - August 26, 2021 at 11:28 AM

JT

“ Mr Hazlett was a great teacher and nice person. I remembered being in his class as an exchange student from Belgium. He supported me a lot, encouraging my efforts and helping me improve my English writing capabilities. What I learnt from him, has been so useful all those years. I am forever grateful. All my condolences to his family.

June Thoyé - August 26, 2021 at 06:03 AM

JE

“ Mr. Hazlett was the rare teacher who taught us while letting us be ourselves. His class was always fun and engaging. His legacy will live on through all of his students.

Jill Eckhart - August 25, 2021 at 11:26 PM

RH

“ Sending condolences from a former Jeannette HS student. May his memory bring you comfort in your time of sorrow!

Renea (Constantine) Hammerman - August 25, 2021 at 09:43 PM



Rebecca Baker

“ So sad to hear of Mr. Hazlett’s passing. He pushed me to be a better writer and taught me to be skeptical of the accepted narrative of events. Both skills helped me have a career as a journalist. I hope he realized how much his teaching improved the lives of his students, and what great mentors his students have from being in his class.

Rebecca Baker - August 25, 2021 at 09:11 PM

KB

“ I was so sad to hear of Mr Hazlett’s passing. I hope his family is comforted by seeing how many lives he touched and what a beloved teacher he was. Edith Wharton is my favorite author; it all started with senior year Ethan Frome! May he Rest In Peace.

Regards, Kelly DeMarchis

Kelly DeMarchis Bastide - August 25, 2021 at 07:26 PM

HW

“ Debbie and family I am so sorry to hear this. Mr. Hazlett was one of my favorite teachers in high school. He was such a smart, funny and caring man. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Hillary Whigham - August 25, 2021 at 07:19 PM

CA

“ My condolences to Mr. Hazlett's family and loved ones. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I was blessed to have Mr. Hazlett as an English teacher at Jeannette High school years ago, and he was a wonderful teacher - intelligent, passionate, and dedicated, always giving 100%. I learned a lot from him, and I am grateful I had the opportunity to be one of his students. May he rest in peace.  
- Christina Andrae

Christina Andrae - August 25, 2021 at 06:53 PM

MD

Debbie and family, I am deeply saddened this morning to hear of your loss of a great guy, Jim. My heart is tied with yours and sympathy and prayers for all.  
Love,  
Marlene DePretto

Marlene DePretto - August 26, 2021 at 11:49 AM

KP

“ I’m sorry to read about Mr. Hazlett’s passing. I remember him fondly as a kind and caring teacher. My sympathy to the entire family. You can be proud knowing how many lives he touched in a positive way.

Karen (Lewis) Primm - August 25, 2021 at 06:36 PM

MR

“ My condolences to the family. Mr. Hazlett made a huge impact on my life. He was a wonderful person and an exceptional teacher. He always made sure to teach not only the material, but life lessons as well. He is the reason I became an English teacher. I hope that I am at least half as good as he was. His memory will always live on with all of his students.

Michelle Friscarella Richardson - August 25, 2021 at 03:56 PM



“ Deepest thoughts and prayers for the Hazlett family during this time of loss. Mr. Hazlett touched so many lives over his career and I was blessed to be in his homeroom and in his classes. He brought out the reader in me and I am so thankful for his passion for reading and the choices he selected. He introduced you to books which opened doors to different worlds, historical events, poetry, Shakespeare and everything in between. Even 24 years later I still remember things he taught. Jeannette was blessed to have him and I am forever grateful to call him teacher. Praying for healing during this time and thinking of his wife, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

LeeAnn Walters-Young - August 25, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James A. Hazlett.



August 25, 2021 at 12:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James A. Hazlett.



August 25, 2021 at 12:16 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of James A. Hazlett.*



August 25, 2021 at 12:01 PM

CO

“ *Carrie Overly purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of James A. Hazlett.*



**Carrie Overly** - August 25, 2021 at 11:50 AM

BS

“ *My condolences to the family. Mr. Hazlett made an enormous impact on the students of Jeannette. He was a memorable, effective, and life changing teacher for many. His passion in his work was evident. I will never forget him.*

**Brooke Spino** - August 25, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of James A. Hazlett.*



August 25, 2021 at 11:11 AM

JJ

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Hazlett. He was an excellent teacher, and a wonderful man.*

**Jennene (Watson) Jack** - August 25, 2021 at 11:03 AM

MM

“ *sorry to hear this Mr. Hazlett was the best teacher ever. Mary and Mccoy.*



**Mary McCoy** - August 25, 2021 at 10:44 AM

LT

“ *Mr. Hazlett was a great teacher. He was cool to hang around with. I send my condolences to his family and friends.*



Linda Tanyer - August 25, 2021 at 10:40 AM

CR

“ *Sending prayers to the family of Mr. Hazlett. One of my favorite teachers of all time. So sorry to hear of your passing.*

Chelsea Rager - August 25, 2021 at 10:27 AM

P(

“ *Mr Hazlett was an incredible teacher! He was nurturing, supportive, and entertaining with his students. He will truly be missed. My prayers and hugs to Mrs Hazlett and family*

Peggy Brinton (Clayton) - August 25, 2021 at 10:20 AM

YS

“ *One of the most inspiring and intelligent teachers I had the privilege of being taught by. What a loss to the community and his family.*

Yale B. Barkefelt SR. - August 25, 2021 at 10:07 AM

AT

“ *My condolences to the entire Hazlett family. I remember Jim from our days at Clarion and as a fellow teacher at Jeannette. He was a good guy.*

Art Tragesser - August 25, 2021 at 09:52 AM

LI

“ *Im sorry for your Loss Debbie and the whole family 🙏 What a wonderful man,teacher and kind soul..Myself & My husband had the honor of having him in school. Sending Thoughts,Prayers & Hugs to Debbie,Family,and friends from the Inks to yours 🙏 Rest in Peace. 🙏*

Lisa Inks - August 25, 2021 at 09:47 AM

AR

“ Debbie and family,

*I extend to all of you my deepest sympathies on the loss of Jim. He was my friend. What more can I say. A long time ago, I read that a friend was somebody who saw you for who you really are, but still liked you. That is what our relationship was like. We saw each other for who we were, but we still liked each other. I think we disagreed on everything politically and we had many, shall I say, "discussions" expressing our opinions. Our "discussions" started in 1970 (that is when I got hired at Jeannette) and lasted til our last weekly lunch together, (due to the pandemic) in late Feb. 2020. During the pandemic shut down we still spoke with each on the phone, and of course, our "discussions" continued. During the shutdown, I still sent him articles that would support my side of our "discussions". Over the years, we were never able change the mindset of the other, but that was part of our friendship. We were about to resume our weekly lunches in June of this year, but the Delta variant spiked, so we decided to hold off til things got better. Despite our differences of opinion on certain issues, there were many things we could talk about and agreed upon because we were the same age and we could relate through our life experiences. Jim was my friend. I will miss my friend. What more can I say. May God grant him eternal peace. In the words of church Slavonic, Vicnaja Pamjat (Eternal Memory). I will pray for my friend.*

*Andy Regalla  
(8/24/21)*

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**Andrew Regalla** - August 24, 2021 at 07:53 PM